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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJ: NEW BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA

REF: SOFIA 1598 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO BULGARIAN CHARGE STOEV AMBASSADOR ABADZHIEV IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO TUNIS. WHEN CHARGE QUERIED STOEV ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF TRANSFER IN LIGHT OF ABADZHIEV'S EARLIER WHIZ KID CAREER, STOEV (WHO IS BY NATURE A PAINFULLY PRUDENT DIPLOMAT) DOURLY RESPONDED THAT ONE COULD HARDLY CALL IT A PROMOTION. OTHER EE DIPLOMATS ARE OPENLY COMMENTING THAT ABADZHIEV DID A LOUSY JOB HERE AND IS BEING PULLED OFF THE EE CIRCUIT ON GROUNDS OF INCOMPETENCE.

2. EMBASSY KNOWS ABADZHIEV AS A RATHER DOPEY, ILL-INFORMED AND SEEMINGLY INEFFECTIVE AMBASSADOR. HE TENDED TO HANG OUT WITH EE DIPLOMATIC CRONIES (ESPECIALLY SOVIETS), APPARENTLY MADE NO EFFORT TO LEARN ROMANIAN, AND MADE AN UNDISTINGUISHED INDEED BARELY PERCEPTIBLE IMPACT ON THE LOCAL SCENE.

3. FOR TUNIS, AMB ABADZHIEV SPEAKS RUDIMENTARY FRENCH AND GOOD RUSSIAN. WE HAVE FOUND HIM PLEASANT ENOUGH
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AND RELATIVELY FORTHCOMING (WHEN HE COULD BE UNDERSTOOD),

BUT HE IS NOT A MAN TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVES, AT LEAST
WITH HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUES. HE IS MARRIED TO A VERY
ATTRACTIVE WIFE WHO HAS A MEDICAL BACKGROUND. IN
CHARGE'S JUDGMENT SHE IS MUCH BRIGHTER, LIVELIER AND
MORE INTERESTING THAN HER SPOUSE.
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